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implementation of this project in case such amendment is not possible to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Appointment on compassionate grounds to dependants of  
Mumbai blasts**

1906. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have offered appointments on compassionate grounds to the dependents of the victims of serial bomb blasts on Mumbai Suburban railway on the 11th July, 2006;

(b) if so, the number of persons who have approached the Railways for such appointments; and

(c) the number of persons who have been, so far, offered/given appointments of Class IV and Class III and Class II (non-gazetted) and the criteria adopted for such appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 101 persons from outside of the Railways and 14 Railway employees have approached for such appointments.

(c) In accordance with the decision of the Ministry of Railways, out of 101 persons outside of the Railways, 66 have been offered appointment in Group 'D' (earlier categorised as Class IV) and of these 66, 24 have been appointed in Group "D" categories. Further, the Railway employees died in bomb blast, request from 14 had been received. So far 04 have been offered appointment in Group "C" after adjudging their suitability for appointment on compassionate ground in terms of extant instructions of the Board. 08 cases are minors which can be considered only on attaining age of majority of the ward. One case is under examination and one case is disputed being the case of two wives.